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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
UC332/333 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2019

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Swearing-in of new Senator
   b. James Randall, Chair of UM General Education Committee
   c. Madi Worst, Intern for UM Office of Legal Counsel
   d. ASUM Child Care Location Input sessions
      a. Thursday, March 14, 9-10:30am UC Theater
      b. Thursday, March 14, 2-3:30pm, Missoula College Rm 340
      c. Friday, March 15, 9-10:30am, UC Theater
   e. Committee Reports
   f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Elections Update – Senator Hiett
   b. Committee Updates
   c. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: $207,722.64
S.T.I.P.: $202,236.32 (202,014.32)
Special Allocation: $5,767.32 (5,717.32)
Travel Allocation: $2,451.05 (1,112.05)
Union Emergency: $5,565.00 (4,851.00)

a. Woodsman Travel
   i. A$2731.80 (746.00)
   ii. B$145.20 (0.00)
   iii. C$639.90 (226.00)
   iv. D$976.60 (367.00)

b. Men’s Rugby $1,063.60 (714.00)
c. Pre-Physical Therapy $200 (50.00)
d. UM Student Association for Fire Ecology and Management $219.90 (220.00)
e. Committee reports
f. Birthdays
g. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. SB39-18/19: Resolution Regarding the Transportation Strategic Plan
b. SB40-18/19: Resolution Regarding Support for Renewable Energy for the Missoula Community
c. SB41-18/19: Resolution Amending Sustainability Board Bylaws
d. SB42-18/19: Resolution Updating Personnel Policy Regarding ASUM Receptionists
e. SB43-18/19: Resolution Amending Legal Oversight Board Bylaws
f. SB44-18/19: Resolution Regarding Medicaid and Medicaid Work Requirements

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Borghesani, Corkish, Flanagan, Gregory, Grewell, Hanley, Johnston, Milton, Miranda, Nelson, Pablo, Parsons, Pease, Powell, Rasmussen, Schei, Woody; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisor Stark. Excused: Senator Davis and Advisor Renner-Fahey. Senators Glueckert, Koch, and Paz arrived late.

Minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Public comment in support of SB40-18/19: Resolution Regarding Support for Renewable Energy for the Missoula Community
- Beau, Pre-PT Club Secretary
  - Have a request for funds for an event
- Ethan Holmes, UM Student
  - Interested in the draft free speech policy
    - Definition of extracurricular groups/events
    - Outdoor free speech zones are not ideal in winter
    - UM should look to the Chicago principles for guidance
  - Would like for students to know about their free speech rights on campus, starting from freshman orientation
  - Legislation in the Montana Legislature related to speech on MUS campuses (FORUM Act)
- Eli Brown, UM Student
  - Here to discuss the Kaimin article about ASUM and the Kaimin editorial that came out today
  - ASUM Constitution and description of the purpose of ASUM
  - A large proportion of ASUM Senators are from the College of Humanities and Sciences, and also a large proportion studying political science
  - ASUM needs to engage with all colleges on campus and encourage diverse participation
  - ASUM elections are not sufficiently competitive
  - ASUM needs to get more students involved and to care about the work of ASUM
  - Suggests that the Kaimin should hold the ASUM debate and get the word out
  - ASUM should admit their mistakes so that students feel that they can come to ASUM
  - Brown has brought a resolution with suggestions, which he distributed

President’s Report
- Swearing-in of new senator, Sandra Rasmussen
  - Parsons: Move to approve Sandra Rasmussen as ASUM Senator. Seconded.
  - Passes unanimously.
• James Randall, Chair of UM General Education Committee
  o Gen Ed committee has been holding open forums, and would be open to a student-specific forum
  o Working on a pilot program for UM Core, as an alternative to the current GE program, during Fall 2020
  o Administration and ECOS wanted clearer design, fewer credits, interdisciplinary, work with transfer agreements
  o Overview of current GE system, a distribution model
    ▪ List or link of AACU High Impact Educational Practices will be posted to the ASUM website
  o Proposed program would be about 32 credits total
  o Schei: This model would help an out of state student bringing in credits to finish the GE program. How to help out of state students ensure that their prior credits will transfer?
    ▪ Committee wants to make sure that the GE program doesn’t alienate potential students
  o Glueckert: What is the best way to contact the committee?
    ▪ The presentation is posted on the website
    ▪ Feedback can be sent to facultysenate@mso.umt.edu with something about UM Core Pilot in the subject line
    ▪ The language GE requirement has been a roadblock for many students that she knows. What is the GE committee discussing?
      • Languages should definitely be an option, but debating whether or not it should be a requirement
      • Currently, there are exemptions for high-credit majors and a few substitution options
  o James Flanagan is the ASUM Website committee chair
  o Johnston: How would changing the GE requirements affect the overall credit requirement to graduate?
    ▪ Not entirely sure, but probably not.
    ▪ Would this encourage students to take more classes within their majors, or have them explore on their own in ways that aren’t required?
      • Committee really wants students to explore outside of their majors, but it can be difficult in some programs
      • Want students to have a variety of experiences
  o Hanley: Who would be overseeing the capstone experiences, since many majors currently have capstone requirements?
    ▪ Capstones will take place in a variety of ways across campus, but the important thing is that every student will have one
    ▪ Details would be more program-level
  o Milton: What do you have in mind for interdisciplinary classes?
    ▪ These would be newly developed courses, but some might be based on current courses
    ▪ Campus-wide call for team-taught, interdisciplinary courses
    ▪ Would interdisciplinary mean some in your program and some outside, or entirely outside?
• Not sure yet, but probably room for both
  o Woody: Hard to think about “getting GE credits out of the way.” How do you think the new plan would affect advising?
    ▪ Advising is very important, and they are hoping the pilot method will help with the transition
    ▪ Can look at what problems come up with the pilot group
  o Parsons: Why are the credit ranges so big? (28–49)
    ▪ Many GE courses have multiple attributes, so they can count for several requirements
    ▪ Students may not know about all of these, and not all advisors know to look
    ▪ Many degree requirements double dip with GE requirements, so students that change minors may end up taking additional credits
      • Retaking a new major course that repeats the GE attribute
  o Powell: How was the Core decided?
    ▪ Completely a program designed here, but looking at other universities’ practices
    ▪ Focus on things like critical thinking, problem solving, basic competencies for all students
    ▪ How would we transition from current to new program?
      • That would be decided by Faculty Senate. If students are interested, they should give input to help streamline the process.
  o Miranda: Have other schools done this?
    ▪ Models similar to this one are common
    ▪ This kind of model (hybrid) is the most common one
  o Johnston: Started at MSU but not every credit transferred. Would like to see the MUS Transfer system included. How will changes to requirements affect the departments who teach those classes?
    ▪ This is a complicated issue. Different programs have disproportionate amount of GE classes and SCH.
    ▪ Common course numbering should mean that credits transfer easily between schools
  o GE committee really is looking for student input. Student experience is important to keep in mind when creating these programs. Want to hear from students across campus

• Madi Worst, Intern from UM Legal Counsel and Adrienne Donald, UC Director
  o The policy will need to go through shared governance before approval
  o Researched what other schools are doing and legal ramifications
  o There is not currently any free speech policy, but the facility use policy has managed use
  o This policy doesn’t discuss logistics or management of facilities, but they are related
  o University is a limited public forum, so they can place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions
  o There is a grievance process for students who feel that their rights have been infringed
Hate speech is not defined, so it is permitted under US law unless there is a threat of imminent violence.

Current facilities use policy is very outdated, so the new policy is focused on updates and being content-neutral.

Difference between academic spaces and auxiliary spaces
- Not just anyone can come into an academic space, but there is a right to rent auxiliary spaces.

How to negotiate security with limited resources will be included in the new policy.

Academics are the primary purpose of the university.

Recent anti-Semitic flyering on campus was against facilities use policy.

While the University must adhere to the law, they do support student services and responses.

Started by looking at the Chicago principles and applying them to UM.

The university must remain content-neutral when renting auxiliary facilities. Can limit their access to academic facilities only. In personal interactions with groups, the University tries to emphasize university values.

If a non-affiliated group rents a space and says that they require security, they will pay the security cost. If the university feels that it needs to provide additional security, the University would have to pay that. Can’t limit a group’s right to assemble via security costs. However, the University can set a cap on what it can possibly pay.
- Discussed in the facilities use policy, which is not yet finalized.

Montana Code doesn’t protect physical or mental disability, or gender and sexual orientation. Working to decide if they want to deviate from MCA to include those.

The University’s policy on harassment is different and much more comprehensive.

Hoping for this to go through shared governance this semester/as soon as possible.

**ASUM Childcare Sessions**

- Paula Short will facilitate.
- Looking at a matrix of priorities and taking input on the proposed locations.
- Hope to have a decision made before spring break.
- President Butler and Cabinet members are looking at survey results from the form requests.
- Short timeline is a concern, but there is a deadline.
  - Looking at the possibility of flexibility after the grand opening so that we can consider more options.
- Execs have also met with staff and Missoula College faculty.
- MC students were concerned about the possibility of child care moving into the MC library space.
- Communications have been sent out to Childcare parents and MC students.
- Parents from the Mountain campus are concerned about pick up and drop off complications.
- Parking and traffic considerations.
Pablo: Who is setting up the forums? Missoula college students, and faculty can’t come. What will we do if people cannot come, will they seek more input at other times?

Parsons: Can we record the information sessions to provide more access.

Butler: I can ask about this. There will be staff taking notes for future use.

Committee Reports:

If you have more feedback about the new orientation, tell me and I will pass them on or organize meetings to allow for input. There is still time to contribute.

Vice President’s Report

Elections Update – Senator Milton

Phone numbers are requested on executive petitions, but they are not absolutely required

Professional expenses need to be reported unless you are doing them yourself

Software expenses must be reported if they are not available on campus

Senator registration deadline has been extended

Forwarded motion from Elections committee: Move to waive $300 maximum campaign fee for MontPIRG. Seconded by Grewell.

MontPIRG’s ballot initiative requires a 12% turnout

Expenditure cap is to keep elections fair, but committee decided that that doesn’t really apply to third parties

Motion passes 17Y-7N-0A.

Meeting will be at West Campus next week

Motion to approve committee updates by Miranda. Seconded by Akmal. Passes unanimously.

Business Manager’s Report

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Woodsman’s Team Travel Requests

They did not fund the closest request so that they could fund the other requests

Request A

Recommended at $746. Approved at $746.

Request B

Recommended at $0. Approved 0.

Request C

Recommended at $226. Approved at $226.

Request D
Recommended at $367. Approved at $367.

- Jester’s Rugby Club Union Emergency Request
  - Recommended at $614. Approved at $614.
- Pre-Physical Therapy Club Special Allocation Request
  - Recommended at $50. Approved at $50.
- Student Association for Fire Ecology and Management STIP Request
  - Recommended at $220. Approved at $220.
- Research and Creative Scholarship Fund continues, but BM is working to move this more under administration so that long-term knowledge can be kept
- Radio Board will meet tomorrow at 10 am in ASUM conference room
- Pub Board will meet April 5
- Radio Board and Publishing Board hiring processes will start soon

Committee Reports

- Miranda: International committee met.
- Koch: Housing will meet on Friday at 1 pm in the ASUM office
- Corkish: Tunnel of Oppression went well. SCC will meet on Monday at 8am in the Rec Center. Will discuss full-time ASUM Sustainability Coordinator. KREL F applications are open. ASUM Sustainability Coordinator position will be opening soon.
- Flanagan: Website meeting with UC Marketing will happen soon.
- Anderson: Childcare met last week. Sports Union met last night. J. Doe met this morning and is looking at short-term housing on campus. Grad council is reviewing scholarship applications next week.
- Schei: Marketing and Outreach did not meet this week, but want to increase the number of students running for president. They have filmed a video with Bodnar.
- Parsons: Legal met last week to talk about social media/advertising. ASCRC talked about the withdrawal policy for students. Sports Union had their budgeting meeting last night.
- Hanley: R and A will meet on Friday at 5. Transportation will meet soon to look at strategic plan and budget. ASCRC met yesterday and discussed an Innovation certificate and new class options. Discussed intermediate writing exemption for students. DHC Dean search committee will start reviewing applications soon.
- Belcher: Online Program Management companies will come in April to talk specifically with students. Director of Summer search will meet on Friday. UPC will discuss their proposed budget on Friday. SPA met on Sunday and forwarded a resolution about Medicaid.
- Nelson: University Library Committee met and discussed flooding, MC library. Gen Ed has been having forums to discuss UM Core. If you have feedback, please pass it on to James Randall using the facultysenate email.
- Grewell: interview committee appointed 2 new senators.
- Milton: BMAC will meet soon at Missoula College.

Unfinished Business

- SB39-18/19: Resolution Regarding the Transportation Strategic Plan
  - Hanley: Authorship. Eliminates 1 year strategic plan while keeping updated long-term strategic plan.
Resolution passes 24Y-0N-0A.

- SB40-18/19: Resolution Regarding Support for Renewable Energy for the Missoula Community
  - BM Schafer: Move to amend lines 10, 24, 26, 28, 31, 34, 37 to capitalize all instances of ‘the’ and ‘that’. Friendly.
  - Hanley: Move to strike the first Therefor clause (line 28-30)
    - Milton: agrees with language
    - Schafer: generally supports amendment
    - Hanley: further explains amendment
    - Belcher: clause is grammatically incorrect
    - Corkish: asked Hanley for what his next amendment might be
  - Amendment passes
  - Johnston: support of idea but not of the resolution
  - Hanley: move to amend to update a new Therefor clause
    - Seconded by Miranda
    - Milton: move to amended line 30
    - Ruled friendly by Hanley
    - Hanley: move to amend line 30 – ruled friendly by author
    - Hanley: discuss amendment
    - Amendment passes
  - Akmal: move to change all instances of ‘2030’ to ‘2035’
    - Ruled friendly
  - Grewell: move to send back to committee
    - Discussion called
    - Grewell: authorship
    - Schafer: support motion
    - Motion to passes
    - Sent back to Sustainability

- SB41-18/19: Resolution Amending Sustainability Board Bylaws
  - Corkish: Move to send to Relations and Affairs. Seconded by Hanley. Unanimous.

- SB42-18/19: Resolution Updating Personnel Policy Regarding ASUM Receptionists
  - Gregory: Authorship. Good to list all employees in personnel policy.
  - Resolution passes 23Y-1N-0A.

- SB43-18/19: Resolution Amending Legal Oversight Board Bylaws
  - Anderson: Authorship. Removing UM Productions from the Bylaw.
  - Resolution passes 24Y-0N-0A

- SB44 – 18/19: Resolution Regarding Medicaid and Medicaid Work Requirements
  - Belcher: authorship and friendly amendments
  - Milton: did research on work requirements; in support
  - Anderson: in support; law school work restrictions; move to amend line 14; ruled friendly
  - Belcher: move to amend text after first footnote; ruled friendly
  - Schei: will be voting in favor
  - Resolution passes 22Y-2N-0A.
New Business

- Schei: Resolution Showing Support for OER Initiatives, to be sent to Relations and Affairs
- Anderson: Resolution Removing UM Productions from ASUM Bylaws, to be sent to Relations and Affairs
- Anderson: Resolution Removing UM Productions from ASUM Personnel Policy to be sent to Relations and Affairs
- Resolution Removing UM Productions from ASUM Fiscal Policy, to be sent to Budget and Finance
- Hanley: Resolution Regarding the Vote Threshold for Depositing Funds into the Special Allocation Account, to be sent to B and F
- Belcher: Resolution to R and A and J. Doe, amending the J. Doe Committee charge
- Milton: Resolution Regarding Parking Lot Closures and Communication, to be sent to Relations and Affairs
- Butler: Resolution Regarding BOR Policy Change, to R and A

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary